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HE honors its best at awards luncheon

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio — The Human Effectiveness Directorate of the Air Force Research Laboratory held its annual awards luncheon on March 11, 2002. The awards honored individuals from the Human Effectiveness Directorate's three major sites - Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, and Mesa, Ariz. Due to geographic separation, individual award presentations were held concurrently at each of the three locations.

James W. Brinkley, Director of the Human Effectiveness Directorate, presented four Director's Awards for 2001. One award was presented to Maj. Mark Draper, Crew Systems Interface Division, WPAFB. Draper was honored for providing both outstanding leadership and leading edge research to the directorate's UAV program. The next honoree was Rosemary Andrews, Integration and Operations Division, Brooks Air Force Base. Andrews was lauded for her extraordinary leadership qualities while overseeing all the operational details of the Armstrong Research Site.

Capt. Karl Deerman, Information Operations/Special Projects, Brooks Air Force Base, was also selected to receive this prestigious award based on his outstanding leadership and advanced knowledge of the directorate's security program at the Armstrong Research Site. The final Director's Award recipient was Dr. William Storm, Biodynamics and Protection Division, Brooks Air Force Base. Storm was lauded for his outstanding leadership in science, and in its practical application to meet urgent needs of the warfighters.

The Harry G. Armstrong Scientific Excellence Award went to Dr. Johnathan Kiel of the Directed Energy Bioeffects Division, Brooks Air Force Base. The work done by Kiel has established him as a world-class scientist in the field of biosensors and he is recognized as the leading authority on chemiluminescence in biological systems.

Capt. David Sanford of the Deployment and Sustainment Division, WPAFB, was selected to receive the David M. Clark Technology Transition Award. Capt. Sanford was recognized for spearheading a hugely successful research effort to develop and demonstrate a new and better way to refuel combat aircraft.

The Senior Leadership Award was presented to Dr. Herbert Bell of the Warfighter Training Research Division, Mesa. Bell was chosen for his leadership in the reorganization of the laboratory Distributed Mission Training Program to address Advanced Technology Council and S&T Summit concerns.

Maj. Terence Andre of the Warfighter Training Research Division, Mesa. was awarded the Leadership Award. Andre was honored for providing outstanding leadership and guidance as the Chief of the Warfighter Skill Development and Training Branch during a dramatic year of reorganization, personnel turnover, and increased AF emphasis on warfighter training research and development.

The Scientific/Technical Achievement Award went to the Integrated Panoramic Night Vision Goggle Team of the Crew Systems Interface Division, WPAFB. Team members include Capt. Share-Dawn Angel, Randy Brown, Jeff Craig, Doug Franck, Mary Jones, Dean Kocian, 2nd Lt. John LaCreta, Dr. Pete Marasco, Gerema Randall, Theresa Schiavone, MSgt. Mike Sedillo, and Dr. Lee Task. The team was recognized for their extraordinary accomplishments in the conceptualization, development, and evaluation of the Panoramic Night Vision Goggle to support documented warfighter needs.

The Scientific/Technical Management Award was presented to Capt Steven Polliard of the Warfighter Training Research Division, Mesa. Capt Polliard was honored for his work on the revolutionary Multilevel Security guard for a High Level Architecture Distributed Mission Train-

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ing warfighter simulation system.

Grazia Royalty of the Integration and Operations Division, Brooks Air Force Base, received the individual Mission Support Award. Royalty was lauded for her work as the personnel focal point for the Armstrong Research Site and as alternate for the Mesa Research Site.

The Program Control and Administrative Support Team of the Deployment and Sustainment Division, WPAFB, was awarded the team Mission Support Award. The team members include Carol Hensley, MSgt. Daniel Davis, Ted Rose (Robbins-Gioia), Mine' Weaver (Optech), Pat Carpenter (Optech) and Cressence Booher (Optech). The team was honored for providing superb financial management and administrative support.

The Senior Administrative Excellence Award was presented to SMSgt Maria Perez of the Integration and Operations Division, Brooks Air Force Base. SMSgt. Perez was recognized for her work in several areas including Det 5, AFRL Security Manager, Acting First Sergeant, Report of Survey Manager, 3AO Functional Manager, and Branch Superintendent.

A1C Kristina Brown of the Warfighter Training Research Division, Brooks Air Force Base, was chosen to receive the Administrative Excellence Award. Brown was lauded for successfully carrying out comprehensive reviews of administrative equipment and supplies and of non-reportable items at three geographically separated duty locations.

Dr. Winston Bennett of the Warfighter Training Research Division, Mesa, was presented the Mentor of the Year Award. Bennett was honored for providing outstanding leadership and mentoring to the division's largest science and technology team.

The Human Effectiveness Directorate's annual military award winners were also honored at the awards presentation. Airman of the year was A1C Kristina Brown, Warfighter Training Research Division, Brooks Air Force Base; NCO of the year was TSgt John Williams, Directed Energy Bioeffects Division, Brooks Air Force Base; Senior NCO of the year was MSgt. Richardo Lowe, Directed Energy Bioeffects Division, Brooks Air Force Base; and CGO of the year was Lt Cecilia Montes De Oca, Directed Energy Bioeffects Division, Brooks Air Force Base. @